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Abstract

A turbocharger comprising a turbine housing where at least one supply channel supplies an exhaust gas. The exhaust gas is fed through a guide grid that forms passages of variable cross-section between the supply channel and a turbine rotor. This guide grid comprises a plurality of vanes of predetermined width in a vane space of about the same width. A vane support ring defines one axial end of the annular vane space and an opposite ring is spaced from the vane support ring by about the width of the vanes to define the other axial end of the annular vane space. To maintain this width, at least two spacers are integrally formed on at least one the rings.